

Pennsylvania Builders Association's Workforce Development and Education Committee Endorse HSTTP

A year ago, ICC's High School Technical Training Program (HSTTP) received an invitation to provide a presentation outlining the operation of the HSTTP at the state meeting of the Workforce Development and Education Committee (EDEC) at the Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA) annual meeting in Hershey, PA. This invitation came about due to Amy Martino, AIA, and Principal of Building Site Synergy attending an ICC Government Relations Forum presentation of the HSTTP. Amy spoke with Jim Ellwood after the presentation and was impressed with the concept of teaching the codes to the tech school students. Amy suggested to the PBA's EDEC that they consider reviewing the HSTTP as an approved curriculum to be recommended to schools participating in the PBA's Endorsed Trade Program (ETP). The ETP was established through donations and volunteer efforts from the membership of PBA, to develop and offer technical school students the opportunity to learn real life situations in the construction industry and increase their knowledge of what is required to become a construction professional.

At the meeting in Hershey, the discussion started again with Chris Warren, chairman of the committee and Building Construction Technology Instructor at State College Area High School North, evoking interest and generating discussion. Warren Peter, the previous chairman of the committee and past President of the PBA, introduced a motion that the Workforce Training and Education Committee should recommend that the schools currently participating in the PBA's Endorsed Trade Program should consider participation in the ICC/HSTTP. The motion passed unanimously.

ICC would like to thank Chris Warren, Warren Peter, and Amy Martino for all of their efforts to provide Pennsylvania's future construction professionals the tools they need to have a successful and prosperous career in the construction industry.

For more information on the Endorsed Trade Program, visit <http://pbaendorsedtrade.org>, and visit www.iccsafe.org/hsttp for additional information about the ICC's High School Technical Training Program or contact Jim Ellwood jellwood@iccsafe.org